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SUBJECT: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION OF EVENTS LEADING TO  
ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF CUBAN CONSUL IN MERIDA

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1. AFTER CHECKING WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL OSCAR FLORES SANCHEZ,  
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL MANUEL ROSALES MIRANDA CONFIRMED TO  
EMBASSY JANUARY 14 THAT GOM WOULD COOPERATE WITH DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE REPRESENTATIVES' VISIT TO MEXICO.

2. EMBOFFS STATED THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT JUSTICE REPRESENTATIVES  
WOULD NOT ASK TO INTERVIEW EITHER RUIZ HERNANDEZ  
OR JIMENEZ ESCOBEDO.

3. WHILE PLEASED TO COOPERATE IN JOINT EFFORT TO CURB  
TERRORIST ACTS, ROSALES MIRANDA SHOWED CONCERN THAT PRESENCE  
OF JUSTICE REPRESENTATIVES CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION IN MEXICO  
COULD CREATE BAD PUBLICITY AND EMBARRASSMENT IF IT BECAME  
PUBLIC INFORMATION. HE GAVE ASSURANCES THAT MEXICAN AG AND  
COURT OFFICIALS WOULD COOPERATE FULLY. HE CLEARLY PREFERS  
THAT REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTATION FROM MEXICAN  
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SOURCES SUCH AS AIRPORT AUTHORITIES, HOTEL, OR CAR RENTAL  
AGENCIES AND INTERVIEWS WITH POTENTIAL WITNESSES, FOR  
INSTANCE AIRPORT, HOTEL, OR CAR RENTAL EMPLOYEES, BE  
DONE BY MEXCAN AUTHORITIES OR AT A MINIMUM IN THEIR  
PRESENCE, SO THAT US PROFILE WOULD BE KEPT LOW. HE  
VOLUNTEERED THAT GOM WOULD HAVE OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE  
TO MEXICAN POLICE AUTHORITIES TRAVELING TO US TO TESTIFY

REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION. WHILE WE ASSUME THAT DETAILED GROUND RULES COULD BE DETERMINED JOINTLY BY LEGATT REPRESENTATIVE, JUSTICE REPS AND MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FOLLOWING ARRIVAL OF JUSTICE REPS IN MEXICO CITY, JUSTICE SHOULD BE AWARE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S VIEWS ON SCOPE AND PREFERRED METHOD OF CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION.

4. ON QUESTION OF SUPPLYING US CITIZEN INTERPRETER, THERE ARE THREE ON EMBASSY EXPERT TRANSLATORS LIST IN MEXICO CITY, BUT WE CANNOT DETERMINE THEIR AVAILABILITY OR WILLINGNESS TO TRAVEL TO MERIDA UNTIL WE KNOW WHEN JUSTICE REPRESENTATIVES PLAN TO ARRIVE OR HOW LONG THEY WOULD NEED INTERPRETER'S SERVICES. EMBASSY VIEW IS THAT BEST COURSE MAY BE FOR JUSTICE TO BRING ITS OWN INTERPRETER FROM US. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. ASKED ABOUT DOCUMENTATION WITH WHICH JUSTICE REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD TRAVEL TO MEXICO, ROSALES MIRANDA SAW NO NEED FOR SPECIAL DOCUMENTATION IN THIS INSTANCE, SINCE MISSION WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL IN NATURE. HE ALSO CONCURRED IN JUSTICE BRINGING ITS OWN INTERPRETER FROM US, IF THIS SHOULD BE ITS DECISION.  
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